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LIGANDS FOR BINDING TO)
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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Please amend this application in the following aspects.

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 40 to read as follows:

40. (Amended) A process comprising
(a) screening a library of small organic compounds with a target protein-ligand
conjugate formed by the covalent bonding of a biological target molecule comprising a first
reactive functionality with a compound that comprises (1) a second reactive functionality and (2)
a chemically reactive group, wherein the second reactive functionality of the compound reacts
with the first reactive functionality of the biological target molecule to form a first covalent bond
such that the protein-ligand conjugate contains a free chemically reactive group, under conditions